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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2624

Application No.: 09/818,868

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING MULTICAST TO TRANSMIT PRINT DATA
TO NETWORKED PRINTERS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 26, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. Claims 20-25 are withdrawn from examination.

However, claim 35 is a linking claim that links claims 20-25 to claim 1. Thus, claims 20-25 should be examined together with claim 35, and with claims 1-19. Rejoinder and allowance of claims 20-25 is respectfully requested upon allowance of linking claim 35.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-19 and 26-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,449,054 to Cox, et al. (Cox) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,584,096 to Allan. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A. Cox and Allan Do not Disclose or Suggest the Subject Matter of Claim 1

The Office Action asserts that the combination of Cox and Allan discloses or suggests the subject matter recited in the claims. However, Cox and Allan, either individually or in